

**What Is Claimed Is:**

1           1.    A system of device information management,  
2 comprising:

3           an application device including a RAM (Random-Access  
4           Memory); and

5           a BIOS (Basic Input/Output System) ROM (Read-Only Memory)  
6           including a BIOS and implementing a specific data  
7           structure to store device information for said  
8           application device.

1           2.    The system of device information management as claimed  
2 in claim 1, wherein when said computer system boots, said BIOS  
3 reads device information, and writes into said RAM.

1           3.    The system of device information management as claimed  
2 in claim 2, wherein said application device loads device  
3 information from said RAM.

1           4.    The system of device information management as claimed  
2 in claim 1 further comprising a device driver corresponding to  
3 said application device to update device information in said BIOS  
4 ROM using a standard function call.

1           5.    The system of device information management as claimed  
2 in claim 4, wherein said BIOS writes said updated device  
3 information into said RAM.

1           6.    The system of device information management as claimed  
2 in claim 5, wherein said application device loads said updated  
3 device information from said RAM.

1           7.    The system of device information management as claimed  
2    in claim 1, wherein said specific data structure is a DMI (Desktop  
3    Management Interface) data structure.

1           8.    The system of device information management as claimed  
2    in claim 4, wherein said standard function call is a BIOS PNP  
3    (Plug and Play) function call.

1           9.    The system of device information management as claimed  
2    in claim 1, wherein said application device is a LAN (Local Area  
3    Network) chip.

1           10.   The system of device information management as claimed  
2    in claim 1, wherein said application device is an IEEE 1394 chip.

1           11.   The system of device information management as claimed  
2    in claim 1, wherein device information is a PHY ID (Physical  
3    Identification).

1           12.   The system of device information management as claimed  
2    in claim 1, wherein device information is a MAC (Media Access  
3    Control) address.

1           13.   A method of device information management, comprising  
2    steps of:

3           providing an application device including a RAM  
4           (Random-Access Memory);

5           providing a BIOS (Basic Input/Output System) ROM (Read-Only  
6           Memory) including a BIOS; and

7           implementing a specific data structure to said BIOS ROM to  
8           store device information of said application device.

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1           14. The method of device information management as claimed  
2 in claim 13 further comprising reading of device information,  
3 and writing thereof to said RAM by said BIOS when said computer  
4 system boots.

1           15. The method of device information management as claimed  
2 in claim 14 further comprising loading of device information from  
3 said RAM by said application device.

1           16. The method of device information management as claimed  
2 in claim 13 further comprising update of device information in  
3 said BIOS ROM using a standard function call by a device driver  
4 corresponding to said application device.

1           17. The method of device information management as claimed  
2 in claim 16 further comprising writing of said updated device  
3 information to said RAM by said BIOS.

1           18. The method of device information management as claimed  
2 in claim 17 further comprising loading of said updated device  
3 information from said RAM by said application device.

1           19. The method of device information management as claimed  
2 in claim 13, wherein said specific data structure is a DMI  
3 (Desktop Management Interface) data structure.

1           20. The method of device information management as claimed  
2 in claim 16, wherein said standard function call is a BIOS PNP  
3 (Plug and Play) function call.

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1           21.   The method of device information management as claimed  
2   in claim 13, wherein said application device is a LAN (Local Area  
3   Network) chip.

1           22.   The method of device information management as claimed  
2   in claim 13, wherein said application device is an IEEE 1394 chip.

1           23.   The method of device information management as claimed  
2   in claim 13, wherein device information is a PHY ID (Physical  
3   Identification).

1           24.   The method of device information management as claimed  
2   in claim 13, wherein device information is a MAC (Media Access  
3   Control) address.